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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. WALKER] at 5 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

In the stillness of this moment, in the quiet of our prayer, we place before You, O God, that which is in our hearts and souls, those thoughts and ideas and feelings that make us what we are and direct us along life's way. We pray, gracious God, that You would refresh us and encourage us, that You would heal our hearts and make us strong, that You would forgive us when we miss the mark and give peace to every soul. For the wonders of the world and the little miracles of every day, we offer these words of prayer and thanksgiving. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MORELLA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, December 27, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Wednesday, December 27, 1995 at 2:15 p.m.: That the Senate passed with amendment H.R. 1358 and made appointments to National Skill Standards Board and United States Commission on Civil Rights.

With warm regards,
ROBIN H. CARLE,
*Clerk,
House of Representatives.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, December 27, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Wednesday, December 27, 1995 at 3:50 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits a determination certifying that suspending U.S. economic sanctions on Serbia and Montenegro and lifting the arms embargo are necessary to achieve a negotiated settlement of the conflict in Bosnia.

With warm regards,
ROBIN H. CARLE,
*Clerk,
House of Representatives.*

PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION TO SUSPEND SANCTIONS IMPOSED ON THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on National Security, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 1511 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (hereinafter the "Act"), requires that the sanctions imposed on Serbia and Montenegro, as described in that section, shall remain in effect until changed by law. Section 1511(e) of the Act authorizes the President to waive or modify the application of such sanctions upon certification to the Congress that the President has determined that the waiver or modification is necessary to achieve a negotiated settlement of the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina that is acceptable to the parties.

In accordance with this provision, I have issued the attached Presidential Determination stating that the suspension of the sanctions described in section 1511(a)(1-5) and (7-8) and in conformity with the provisions of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1021 and 1022 is necessary to achieve a negotiated settlement of the conflict. As described in the attached Memorandum of Justification, this sanctions relief was an essential factor motivating Serbia and Montenegro's acceptance of

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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